

FORDEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the year
ended 31st. December 1952.

HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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TO the Sanitary Authority of the Rural District of Forden.

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the District for the year ended 31st. December 1952.

The Report is drawn up in accordance with instructions contained in the Welsh Board of Health Circular No.2/53 (Wales).

Vital Statistics.

Area of the District: 44,774 Acres.

Population: (mid-year estimate) 5046.

<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Legitimate	54	36	90
	Illegitimate	3	1	4
		<u>57</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>94</u>
	<u>Still Births</u>	NIL	NIL	NIL

BIRTH RATES: (a) Live Birth Rate (per 1000 estimated population) 18.6
(compared with 15.3 for England & Wales)
(b) Still Birth Rate (per 1000 estimated Home Population): ZERO.
(compared with 0.34 for England and Wales)
(c) Still Birth Rate per 1000 Total(Live and Still) Births. ZERO.
(compared with 15.6 for England and Wales).

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
From all causes	29	19	48

DEATH RATE: (per 1000 Estimated Population): 9.5
(compared with 10.9 for England and Wales).

INFANT MORTALITY.

<u>Deaths of Infants under one year of Age.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

INFANT MORTALITY RATE(per 1000 Live Births): 21.2
compared with 27.6 for England and Wales.

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COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

YEAR:

1950.

1951

1952.

Population	4974	5049	5046
Live Birth Rate	15.7	17.4	18.6
Still Birth Rate	0.6	0.2	0.
Death Rate	12.1	11.6	9.5
Infant Mortality Rate	38.4	0	21.2

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR.

	Male	Female	Total
Coronary Disease, Angina	8	1	9
Other Heart Diseases,	6	3	9
Malignant Neoplasm of the Stomach,	2	1	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms,	2	3	5
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System,	3	4	7
Other Circulatory Diseases,	1	1	2
Hypertension with Heart Disease,	0	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm of the Lungs, & Uterus,	1	1	2
Nephritis,	0	1	1
Hyperplasia of the Prostate,	1	0	1
Congenital Malform Atious,	1	1	2
Influenza,	0	1	1
Whooping Cough,	1	0	1
Motor Accident,	1	0	1
Suicide,	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases,	1	1	2
	29	19	48

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year the following Diseases were notified to me:-

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis,	1	1	2
Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis,	0	0	0
Whooping Cough,	18	26	44
Pneumonia,	12	3	15
Measles,	3	7	10
Scarlet Fever,	1	0	1
Erysipelas,	0	1	1

Local Health Services under Part 3 of the National Health Service Act 1946.

These Services (which include Tuberculosis, Maternity and Child Welfare. Surgical, Medical, gynaecological and paediatric clinics) which were fully described in my last report, continue to function satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLIES - BERRIEW.

Long delays in delivery of essential fittings prevented the completion of the work on the scheme for improving the existing water supply position at Ladywell Spring, and for chlorinating all water used for drinking and domestic use, and by the two schools. A number of houses in the village now have piped supplies, and others are being connected. When the improvement Scheme has been completed, dry weather gaugings will be made of the overflow water, as a guide to the number of more new houses to be built. Although only a few days work is required to complete the scheme, efforts to induce the General Contractors to return to the site have so far failed.

One Farm where T.F. Milk is produced has been connected to the supply. Sixteen Council Houses are supplied from this source.

BERRIEW - (DYFFRYN LANE COUNCIL HOUSES) - Each of the eight houses on this site has a semi-rotary pump in the back kitchen, and water is drawn from a well. There is an adequate supply.

CHURCHSTOKE - The Tenants of the County Council Small Holdings all have a piped supply to their houses and farm buildings, and there is no shortage of water. A plentiful supply is available on the Council's Housing Site. This is pumped from a Borehole, and supplies fourteen Council houses, the School, School Canteen, School House, the Police House, three County Council Small Holdings, and three other houses.

ABERMULE - An abundant supply of wholesome water is piped to the four Council Houses at Parkside. On the new Housing site, which will shortly be developed, a borehole has been sunk, and this is capable of being pumped at the rate of 24,000 gallons per 24 hours. The water is of good quality.

FORDEN (LEIGHTON ROAD SITE) - An adequate and satisfactory supply is pumped from a Borehole to give a piped supply to the ten Council houses on this site.

FORDEN (CHURCH SITE) - Here a plentiful supply is available. It is pumped from a Borehole, and piped to sixteen Council houses. One other cottage is also supplied from this source.

MIDDLETOWN - Here a good supply provides for the needs of ten Council houses on the site. Owing to previous reports of the Bacteriologist on samples of this water, the supply was regarded as suspicious, and a Chlorinating Plant was installed and is in use. An area round the well from which the water is piped is now fenced preventing pollution by sheep and chickens which formerly took place, but nevertheless, chlorinating will be continued.

BAUSLEY - A supply will be available from an existing Borehole for 38 houses to be built on this site.

LLANDYSSIL - An Adequate supply, pumped from a Borehole, is piped to the twenty Council houses on this site.

COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF THE DISTRICT FOR A GENERAL WATER SUPPLY.

Owing to failure to find suitable supplies of water for proposed new houses at Leighton and elsewhere, the Council decided to make a detailed survey of the whole of their District in order to ascertain what bulk supplies are available from the many sources in the area. Many gauging weirs have been set up, and if dry weather gaugings prove that there is an adequate supply to meet the District's domestic and agricultural requirements, the question of preparing a scheme for submission to the Ministry Department will be considered. On occasions, boreholes and wells have been sunk in efforts to obtain water, at great expense, and results have been disappointing. Further, a large number of Farms and Small Holdings suffer from a shortage of water, particularly during the dry periods. Where Dairy Farms are short of or are without an adequate supply of wholesome water, which is quite rightly demanded by the Authorities concerned with Milk Production, the Farmer is handicapped and may be refused a licence to produce T.F. Milk, even though he has an Attested Herd of Cows.

NEW HOUSES.

During the year, new Council houses were completed and occupied as follows:-

BERRIEW (VICARAGE SITE) - Two. LLANDYSSIL - Sixteen.

MIDDLETOWN - Four.

This has again been a disappointing year so far as the Council's effort to build houses is concerned. Numerous set backs occurred regarding negotiations for prices for the erection of houses at both Churchstoke and Bausley. However, agreement has now been practically effected, and it is hoped that in the very near future, work will commence on the building of thirty eight traditional houses at Bausley, and twenty two "Unity Type" houses at Churchstoke.

Progress has been exceptionally slow on the site at Llandyssil, but as shown above, sixteen houses were completed.

BERRIEW (B SITE) - It is proposed to build more houses in the village on this site, but, as explained under the heading "Water", dry weather gaugings will be made of the surplus water before anything is decided.

BERRIEW (BROOKS SITE) - A well was sunk, twenty feet deep, in an effort to locate water for proposed houses, but without success. Gaugings will now be made of a supply issuing from a spring at Stingwern, Brooks, Berriew.

MIDDLETOWN - Negotiations are well in progress for the erection of a further twelve traditional type houses on this site.

FORDEN (CHURCH SITE) - Amended and alternative plans for the proposed erection of four Bungalows on this site have been submitted to the County Planning Committee. It is also proposed to acquire land adjoining this site, and to erect a further twelve houses. Water supplies are available, and the existing sewers and sewage disposal plant would be made use of.

LLANDYSSIL - As mentioned above, sixteen houses were completed, and the remaining four are almost ready for occupation.

ABERMULE - This site, on which it is proposed to build about twenty houses, has now been acquired. Plans are being prepared, and it is hoped to invite tenders shortly.

LEIGHTON - Efforts to obtain a suitable water supply have failed, and until such time as a supply is available, the proposal to build houses is suspended.

BAUSLEY - As mentioned above, it is hoped to commence building thirty eight traditional type houses shortly.

CHURCHSTOKE - It is hoped to commence erecting twenty two "Unity Type" houses in the near future.

HOUSES BUILT BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

During the year, only two houses were built by private enterprise.

RECONSTRUCTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Five houses were reconstructed during the year, and major improvements were carried out at two Hotels.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

There have been no alterations during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SCAVENGING.

Domestic refuse is collected regularly every fortnight throughout the area.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The District has been regularly inspected, and where defects have been found, these have been remedied by informal action. Again, the provisions of the Housing Act, 1949, under which grants are available for reconditioning and bringing houses up to standard, have not attracted any applications from owners for grants.

MILK SUPPLY - The County Agricultural Executive Committee, on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, supervise methods of milk production and inspect Farm Premises where milk is produced. So far as distribution is concerned, there are no complaints.

MEAT INSPECTION - The slaughtering of animals for human consumption is still centralised, and for this area is carried out at Newtown, under Government arrangements. Shops and Vans are kept under supervision and conditions are satisfactory.

BAKEHOUSES - The three Bakehouses in the District are kept in satisfactory condition.

GENERAL -
 Complaints received - Twenty two
 Samples of water taken - Ten
 Premises disinfected - Nil.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Clerk to the Council, and the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Hunt, (who supplied the section of this report dealing with water supply, housing etc.) for the help and co-operation at all times.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

D. R. B. MATHIAS.

Medical Officer of Health.

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MEAT INSPECTION - The slaughtering of animals for human consumption is well supervised, and for this area is carried out at Hove, under Government arrangements. Sheep and pigs are kept under supervision and conditions are satisfactory.

BACTERIOLOGICAL - The three bacteriological in the District are kept in satisfactory condition.

WATER - Complaints received - Twenty two
Samples of water taken - Ten
Inspected distilleries - Nil.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Clerk to the Council, and the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Hunt, who supplied the material for this report dealing with water supply, housing etc. for the help and co-operation at all times.

I remain,
Your obedient servant,

D. S. BATHURST.
MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF HOVE.